

CLAIMS

1. Method for the management of subscriber functions, said method being used to manage subscriber functions in a telecommunication network (1), said
5 subscriber functions being stored in records (2), characterised in that

- subscriber functions consistent with default function sets are stored in default records ($2^{00}, 2^{01}, \dots, 2^{0N}$);

10 - the subscriber functions for each default subscriber are read from the default record ($2^{00}, 2^{01}, \dots, 2^{0N}$) concerned;

- the subscriber functions for each special subscriber are stored in a subscriber-specific record
15 ($2^1, 2^2, \dots, 2^N$) for the subscriber concerned; and

- the subscriber functions for each special subscriber are read from the subscriber-specific record ($2^1, 2^2, \dots, 2^N$) for the subscriber concerned.

2. Method as defined in claim 1, characterised in that data indicating whether the
20 subscriber is a default subscriber or a special subscriber is provided in conjunction with the telephone number of the subscriber.

3. Method as defined in claim 1 or 2,
25 characterised in that

- when changes are made in the subscriber functions for a special subscriber, a check is performed to establish whether the changed functions correspond to any one of the default function sets; and

30 - if the changed functions correspond to one of the default function sets, then the special subscriber concerned is redefined as a default subscriber.

4. Method as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1 - 3, characterised in that the
35 subscriber functions for a special subscriber are not stored in a subscriber-specific record ($2^1, 2^2, \dots, 2^N$) until one of said functions is activated for use.